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"TO BE, OR NOT TO BE."

When the heart beats high with youthful pride,
And the form we love is by our side;
When friends are fond, and life is gay
With all the enchantment hope can give;
Then all around us seems to say,
O what a pleasant thing to LIVE!

But when youth's glowing fires decay,
And the form we love has passed away;
When hope has fled, and one by one
Our early friends in silence lie;
(If God would say our work is done,)
O what a pleasant thing to DIE!

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MAGAZINES.—Post & Co., located on th sixth, west of Plum, north side, have furnished me with The Union Magazine, edited by Mrs. Kirkland; The Columbian Magazine, edited by Stephen M. Chester; The Ladies Wreath, edited by Mrs. S. T. Martyn; The American Flora; and Littell's Living Age. A better variety of reading could not be well furnished. I open Littell and find a portrait, not of steel, or mezzotint, but in good plain English, of Charles Lamb, the distinguished essayist and humorist. The following is a touch of his playful racy qualities in a friendly epistle:—

"I have not a thing to say; nothing is of more importance than another; I am *flatter than a* [illegible] *Judge* ———*'s wig when the* [illegible] stage when the actors are off [illegible] I if at all, only by an occasional [illegible] phlegmatic pain in the chest. [illegible] is weary of me. My day is [illegible] worth the expense of candles. [illegible] muster courage to snuff it. [illegible] veal from mutton; nothing is [illegible] tell is just now coming out [illegible] tucking up his greasy sleeves [illegible] cannot I elicit a groan or a [illegible] world will be at an end to-morrow [illegible] have not *volition enough left to do* [illegible] brows; my eyes are set in my [illegible] a poor relation in Moorfields, [illegible] back again; my skull is a Gr[illegible] joint stool left in it; my hand [illegible] *a little, when their heads are o*[illegible] toothache;—an earwig in my [illegible] pain is life—the sharper, the m[illegible] this death! Did you ever have [illegible] weeks' unintermitting chill and [illegible] and everything? Yet do I try a[illegible] spirits, and smoking, and snuff i[illegible] only seem to make me worse instead [illegible] *room, but it does me no good;* I come home [illegible] nights, *but do not find any visible amendment!*"

Lamb was a good man. He was not afraid of self-scrutiny nor of open confession of wrong. He is pronounced, by this review, morbid on this subject; but if "open confession be better than secret guilt," he was right, and it is credit to others that they strive to keep themselves concealed. The following, in point, is from another letter of Lamb's:—

"There is Southey, whom I ought to have thanked a fortnight ago for a present of the 'Church Book.' I have never had courage to buckle myself in earnest to acknowledge it; yet I am accounted by some people a good man! How cheap that character is acquired! Pay your debts, don't borrow money, nor twist your kit'en's neck off, nor disturb a congregation, &c., and the business is done. I know things (for thoughts *are* things) of myself which would make every

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